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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 12, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 12, 2008. The one month shortened statutory period to respond expired on July 12, 2008. As such, a petition requesting a three-month extension of time, which extends the period for response until October 12, 2008 is attached hereto. Therefore, this is a timely filed response to the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the following election and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner conduct a first substantive examination on the merits.